

### IN THE DESCRIPTION

Please amend the description as follows. Applicant respectfully urges that this added material does not introduce new matter.

On page 12, replace the second full paragraph thereon beginning at line 8:

$V_{gf}$  depends on a number of factors:  $V_{gf}$  increases with increasing specific gravity, increasing  $H$ , and increasing particle size. But  $V_g$  also increases with increasing particle size, so one cannot simply increase particle size. As a practical matter,  $V_{gf}$  will also have to be determined experimentally. I believe that  $V_g < 0.8 V_{gf}$  will normally provide adequate protection against fluidization of column 21.